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## ADVOCATE MATTER IS BEING STIRRED

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Another meeting would be held Monday.

WHAT DR. LAFERTY SAYS. Since nothing could be obtained in this direction, Dr. J. J. Laferty, one of the editors of the Advocate, was himself called upon to state his views on the matter. He said that he was in favor of the idea of how the land lies. It was indicated to him that there are rumors to the effect that there is a fight on the committee; that the fight is over the Advocate; and that some are in favor of withdrawing from the paper. The endorsement of the conference in a change is not made in certain directions.

Dr. Laferty admitted that the committee was disposed to believe that there should be an improvement in certain lines in the Advocate. But he pointed out that there were no recommendations looking toward a withdrawal of endorsement. Neither, he declared, would there, as currently rumored, be two reports, one of which would come from a minority in favor of this radical action. The committee, Dr. Laferty said, would stand solidly by the paper, only providing that the improvements be made. And it is the practicability of making these improvements that is now the question.

Among other things, Dr. Laferty said he had just appeared before the committee and made a statement. He was kindly received and all sides and the committee have every opportunity to present the matter fully. He sketched for the benefit of the body the history of the Advocate and indicated the causes which forced a decline. Chief among these causes was the starting up of so many smaller and cheaper religious papers. Dr. Laferty said he expected the committee his belief that the plans for bringing the paper up to a higher standard could be pushed to success. Some of them thought too much might be attempted, but he felt that the task could be accomplished.

Finally, Dr. Laferty reiterated his statement that the committee would stand by the paper and not recommend any such action as that hinted at by the speculators. Moreover, he believed the report of the committee would be adopted.

STATEMENTS OF MINISTERS. Several ministers were called in connection with the case, and one and all expressed the opinion that there would be a pretty lively time of it when the report is submitted. Two of the most prominent ministers in Richmond indicated that the paper in the corner was a good thing. Outsiders said the same. All were strong in the belief that there would and should be some change in the methods of the church organ.

Before the meeting the Rev. R. M. Moxey, one of the members of the committee, was asked concerning the matter, and while he did not manifest a disposition to discuss it in detail, he admitted that the question is up and is occupying the attention of the committee. He said, however, that no severe criticism had up to that time been brought to bear upon the editors of the Advocate. It was merely that the matter of change and improvement was being mooted.

It is proper to state in this connection that there is no moral question whatsoever involved in the Advocate affair. Dr. Laferty says there is nothing at all disagreeable. It is not so much, he says, a dissatisfaction as it is a general belief that there is possibility of considerable improvement in the organ of the Virginia Conference, and that the managers of the paper should be given every assistance in effecting this improvement. All were to stand together, he said.

THE COLPORTAGE AGENCY is a different question, but the two are yet connected in a way. The present agent, the Rev. Herbert M. Hope, is one of the editors of the Advocate. His editorial work, it is believed, has hindered him in performing the duties of an agent, and hence the work has not progressed rapidly. The proposition now is to engage some minister who can devote his whole time to the colportage business.

### OTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

#### MADE A TURN OVER.

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bedding between the chairman and the committee.

### ADDRESS FROM THE EDITOR.

The introduction of the Rev. G. B. Wint, editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate, the editor of the Southern Church, was made here by Bishop Duncan. Dr. Winton succeeded to the editorial office at the recent General Conference and said his work was so new to him that he was not prepared to make a personal address. He merely wished to salute the Conference and to do so, had come about the length of the church from California to Virginia.

"But one thing I can say," continued Dr. Winton, "I do not have the General Conference to serve in connection with the Advocate. The paper shall not be a medium of my likes and dislikes and be sure that in anything looks as if it is, I am being misunderstood."

Continuing, Dr. Winton spoke of the plans for the Advocate and declared that it should be the organ of the whole church, the representative of the church's thought; the embodiment of the church's life; the organ of the church's action. It was not to be the organ of any particular portion of the church or of any phase of the church's work.

Dr. Winton gave in details some of the changes which have been made in the Advocate. Special attention, he said, would be given to a news department, in which would be compactly chronicled the happenings in the church. Dr. Winton's remarks were received with much interest and they created a laugh. He playfully referred to Bishop Duncan as a Frenchman. The Bishop, to say the least, was somewhat surprised.

### MORE QUESTIONS.

Minute Question No. 1, "What Local Franchise are Elected Deacons?" was called and the following were passed: Charles H. Havens, of Petersburg District; Walter G. Parker, of Portsmouth District.

Question 14, "What Local Franchise are Elected Elders?" followed and the names of Charles W. Cooper, of West Richmond, was passed.

### DR. HAMMOND'S ADDRESS.

A notable address was made by the Rev. J. D. Hammond, D. D., secretary of the Board of Education of the General Conference. He spoke rather briefly today, but indicated that there would be more on Monday, when the question of education will be thrown open for a general discussion.

The most interesting feature of Dr. Hammond's address was his statement that there must and would be a great forward movement in the time of improvement in the training of ministers. There is a need for the better training of ministers. Reference was made to the order of deaconesses instituted by the last General Conference and Dr. Hammond declared it meant much for the cause of education. It meant teaching and organized work in place of untutored and untrained men.

The work of the board, Dr. Hammond says, is taking definite form and is now going as that of any church, any State or any private institution. And it is going to be pushed forward through all the old lines. The conferences would all be asked to help. The ministers would be asked to devote a portion of their time to impressing upon their congregations the needs of Christian education. It was desired to have these congregations learn that it is as important to contribute to education as to support the church.

Plans would be sent by the board to the pastors looking to the development, the improvement and the organization of the work in the churches. Brief mention was made by Dr. Hammond of the fact that the Virginia Conference had decided to support the Farmville District, which desire the restoration of the Farmville District. That it stood amongst the districts' best membership financially second or third. That owing to its personnel, the Farmville District was the best and most compact territory of any district in the connection. That our people earnestly desire the restoration and are able and willing to support it. That the Farmville District is restored. That age and prestige and almost unanimity of sentiment urge the restoration of this old district.

GEORGE P. ADAMS, JAMES J. DAVIS, M. D., W. T. CLARKE, E. S. EMORY, JAMES E. CLARKE, R. E. BRIDGEMAN.

Members of the committee on last night they hoped some favorable action would result from the petition. The Bishop, as is his custom, made no expression, merely saying the petition would be taken under consideration. He said, however, that no severe criticism had up to that time been brought to bear upon the editors of the Advocate. It was merely that the matter of change and improvement was being mooted.

### YESTERDAY'S SESSION

Transactions of the Conference During the Morning.

The conference was called to order shortly after 9:20 o'clock by Bishop Duncan. Devotional exercises were led by the Rev. Charles H. Boggs, of this city. The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved. The attendance at the outset was small but grew steadily until the entire church was filled.

Several names were called under Question 20 and were passed in examination of character and were referred to special committees. The Rev. L. T. Hitt, of Gordonsville, was reported by his presiding elder to have broken down in health, and was referred for the superannuated relation; the Rev. F. M. Edwards, of Onancock, who goes out West for educational work, was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations; the Rev. W. E. Bullard, of West Richmond, was referred for the superannuated relation; the name of the Rev. E. F. Smith, of West Franklin, took the same direction. The Bishop declined to entertain the names of the Rev. Dr. E. L. Pell, of this city, and the Rev. Edgar P. Farham, of Petersburg, because they were not present to give report of themselves. Mr. Farham came in later and was referred for the superannuated relation.

At this point the secretary read a telegram from the Baptist General Association in session at Norfolk, conveying greetings to the Rev. S. S. Lambeth was appointed to make suitable response.

Apology was made by the Rev. Robert Watts, of Fluvanna, for his absence when his name was called Thursday, when he was permitted to make his report at this time.

The class of the third year, Rev. J. E. DeShazo chairman, was called, and the following were named: John W. Lillison, Jr., Jessie K. Holman, James T. Green, Robert P. Lumpkin, Hamden H. Smith, Thomas W. Ogden, Henry W. Dunkley, Frank Burruss, John C. Harvey, John T. Sewell, James B. Oyler, Lewis C. Shearer. The above named now go to the class of the fourth year except the Rev. Mr. Dunkley, who owing to difficult circumstances, was unable to stand examination. He was continued in the third year.

The name of the Rev. Thomas P. Leitch was called but owing to his absence, the Bishop refused to pass his name. The Rev. E. L. Perren, a student of Vanderbilt, whom the Bishop criticised for not sending a report, was continued in the third year.

Considerable amusement was provoked by the committee with the report of Mr. DeShazo's committee which has been delayed. There was some good natured

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It would be unfair to the people to appoint the young man and send him out to some church. There should be no doubt of his qualifications. Dr. Lipscomb said he would vote against his admission.

It was stated on all hands that there was no attempt to call into question the character of Mr. Thomas. There was no moral issue involved. It was only a question as to whether or not the candidate was adapted to the work. Statement was made to this effect by Dr. Reed and others.

Somewhat of a little stir was created by the Rev. Mr. Atwill, of Danville, who declared that while there was nothing against the character of Mr. Thomas, it would be a great mistake to admit him. It should make haste slowly. Further remark in connection with the case by Dr. Whitely, chairman of the Committee on Admissions, by Dr. W. W. Royal, by Dr. Lipscomb, and by others.

Finally the Rev. Herbert M. Hope arose for a few words. He did not know Mr. Thomas, but he wished to call the attention of the Conference to certain points. Mr. Thomas, he said, is recommended by his district. It is further recommended by the Virginia Conference, and is spoken of in high terms by those who know him. He thought the Conference should admit him on trial. It seemed to be forgotten that he would be still on trial, and that the Conference could yet decide if he was fitted for the work. Mr. Hope said that he would vote for Mr. Thomas. His vote was then taken and by a large majority Mr. Thomas was admitted.

TWO REPORTS. Mr. W. W. Vear, of Norfolk, submitted the report of the Preachers' Relief Society.

The report showed the following facts: A total of \$36,000, an increase of nearly \$700 over last year. They also presented a paper adopted by the society in which touching reference was made to their late president, Mr. C. V. Winfree, of Lynchburg.

Mr. John P. Branch submitted the report of the committee appointed to place stones to mark the graves of Revs. W. B. Rowzie and L. M. Lee, D. D. The remains of Mr. Rowzie were removed from Essex county to Hollywood, this city.

The Conference then adjourned until to-morrow morning.

### CONFERENCE RUMORS

Many Changes This Year, and Some of Those Being Discussed.

As the Conference proceeds it becomes evident that the number of changes this year will be large. The appointments for next year, the appointments for next year, and the rumors are beginning to circulate around. Some of them are given below. It is proper to state, however, that no Conference rumor is authoritative for anything. These rumors are of those below bear signs of being altogether groundless, but still they are rumors, and they are given for what they are worth. There is no sifting them, and as many of them frequently hit the mark, the whole bunch so far as it has been learned, is printed.

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among the larger churches in Richmond. The same will be the case in Petersburg. Dr. W. Starr will return to Washington, D. C., tomorrow.

The Rev. F. M. Edwards, of Onancock, will go far into the West, where he will engage in educational work. He will not sever his connection with the Virginia Conference, however. Mr. Edwards is one of the oldest members in the Conference, and his departure is viewed with regret.

The Rev. Mr. Lambeth, of Leake's Memorial, Norfolk, will probably go to Baydon.

The Rev. William P. Wright, of Capeville, will be the next pastor of Denny Street, Fulton.

The Rev. J. K. Holman, of Fowhanan county, is expected at Harker Memorial, this city, and will likely be sent there. He is a sterling young man.

### CONFERENCE NOTES

Annual Meeting of the Brotherhood Services To-Day.

The annual meeting of the Virginia Conference Brotherhood was held last night in the main auditorium of the Broad Street Church. An address was delivered by the Rev. Graham Lambeth, of Norfolk.

An amendment to the constitution providing that hereafter the security on investments shall only be real estate or bonds and stocks of undoubted market value. A committee was appointed to submit plans for an increase in the endowment.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Dr. J. J. Laferty; Vice-President, Rev. R. A. Compton; Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. W. P. Wright; Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. W. W. Royal; Trustees, Revs. R. W. Watt, Dr. J. J. Laferty, and James Cannon, Jr.

It is believed by some of the oldest attendants upon the sessions of the Virginia Conference that the reports indicating progress along all lines of church work for a number of years the assessments raised by the conference have not been raised, but this will be done this year. The number of additions in membership will exceed that of other years.

The number of instances debts on church property have handicapped the work. One of the marks of improvement is seen in the precaution now used in not assuming obligations beyond their strength.

A few years ago it was almost unknown to place insurance on church property in the country; now that has been corrected.

The Methodist ministers will visit the Methodist Institute, corner of Nineteenth and Main Streets, Monday afternoon. The ladies of the Home Mission Societies of Richmond will be present and serve chocolate and Miss Rebecca Hardwick will be the conference hostess yesterday morning to ask, as presidents of the societies in the two districts in Richmond, that the preachers come down and inspect the building and work going on there.

Two ordination services will be held Sunday. In the morning at Broad Street and at night at Clay Street. Bishop Duncan will preach at the former and Dr. W. W. Starr at the latter.

Nearly every Richmond pulpit will be filled Sunday by the visitors. The list of appointments is given elsewhere.

The Board of Education will submit its report to-morrow. As stated before there will be some interesting recommendations in connection with Randolph-Macon College and the Branch office.

The conference will adjourn early this week, possibly on Tuesday night. By many, however, it is thought highly probable it will be Wednesday night before the business is done.

Methodism in Richmond had its birth in the year 1790. The first place of worship was in the old Henric County Courthouse, which stood at the location of the present courthouse of the county. Very soon the little band were denied the privilege of the public building on account of the complaints of residents of the neighborhood, who objected to the loud singing and the sometimes shouting of the worshippers. These people had no religion, and "told it right along," enjoying their "class" and "experience" meetings and singing the old spiritual songs that told of their conversion and regeneration.

The eviction from the courthouse caused the faithful band to meet for worship in their respective homes and out of place stones to mark the graves of Revs. W. B. Rowzie and L. M. Lee, D. D. The remains of Mr. Rowzie were removed from Essex county to Hollywood, this city.

It was during this year that the first church was erected—fronting 35 feet on Franklin Street and running back 40 feet in a line with Nineteenth Street—an edifice which surpassed in cost, quality and seating capacity the old colonial church of St. John's parish. The membership at this time was twenty-eight; to-day it is near eight thousand, and there are fifteen excellent church edifices; such has been the growth of Richmond Methodism.

The first pastor was Thomas Lyell, a good speaker and a zealous, spiritual man, who soon endeared himself to his flock.

Among the early practical friends of the young church was a man of good heart and comfortable purse, whose name was Parrott. His wife and daughters were of the best type of Wesleyan Methodists, and this home was known as the "Preachers' Home," for the bishops and missionaries always found a royal welcome at Mr. Parrott's. He caused one of his barns, or outhouses, to be filled up and made comfortable for church services by the little band of Methodists before they had succeeded in building themselves a tabernacle. Incidentally, it should be stated that from the "Stable Church" the congregation was united back to the old courthouse building. The people became accustomed to demonstration religion. Richmond then had a pop-

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### Genesis of Richmond Methodism.

By W. M. BUCKERS.

ulation of just 5,000, and the people were indifferent or hostile to religious enterprises. The first Methodist Church in Richmond, already referred to, was the first house of divine worship built in the city by voluntary contributions, except a small mission chapel, erected by the Baptist, near where the penitentiary now stands (of course, St. John's, 1740, is the oldest church in the city, but was erected by the English Government, as it was of the established church.)

Richmond was permanently established as a station in 1808, and the following year reported 112 white members; in 1812 there were 256 white members; in 1827 two churches appear on the minutes—these were the days of Bishop Ashbury, and quite an oratorical eloquist. His sermons were of great power and unctious; in 1812 "Shacco" Church, on Marshall between Fourth and Fifth, was dedicated by the Rev. Thomas L. Douglass, the first pastor being G. W. Carlton; in 1820 another house of worship was erected on Franklin Street, the first pastor being Rev. William Hammett, of Irish birth, and quite an oratorical eloquist.

In this connection it should be stated that the present Trinity Church is a lineal descendant of the original church. Trinity was the first congregation, and built the first church, succeeded by two edifices on Franklin Street (the first being destroyed by fire), and then in turn by the present elegant edifice at Twentieth and Broad Streets. The latter was succeeded by Simon Sykes, William H. Smith, G. W. Nolley, Abram Penn, Joseph Carson, David S. Doggett and Leroy M. Lee, all men of saintly memory.

The celebration of the centenary of the rise of Methodism in England occurred in 1839, and collections were taken up for church extension. Centenary collections resulted in the purchase of Shacco and Trinity giving \$1,000 to the collection. From Centenary sprung, directly or indirectly, Laurel Street (succeeding Oregon Hill), Clay Street (taking the place of Clay Street Chapel), Park Place (formerly Sidney and Highland Park), Broad Street (in which the conference started), resulted in a division in Trinity's congregation—not a pastoral division, but a business division, as there was room for the two churches. Dr. James A. Duncan headed the movement. Union Station (formerly Wesley Chapel) dates back to 1843 on the minutes, and the present elegant edifice is the successor of several smaller houses of worship.

Summit and Tucker Memorial are offshoots of Union Station. St. James is the daughter of Trinity, in a very important sense, as its chief promoters were from Trinity, but was erected by the Laymen's Union. Asbury is a product of the Laymen's Union also. Denny Street, Fulton, grew out of a missionary enterprise in Rock Hill.

All these churches have a history of deep interest, and associated with each are tender memories of many a saintly Methodist of our city to-day. The older members have to recite the days and deeds of Hammett and Carson, of Leroy M. Lee, David Seth Doggett, James A. Duncan, and the like.

Brown, P. S. Peterson, and other saintly ministers who left their mark of the nineteenth century's religious work.

The above interesting story, told by Dr. Wood himself, clears up one of the most mysterious disappearances in the annals of Virginia.

Dr. W. W. Wood, in this city, brother of Dr. Fred A. Wood, and also his parents and friends, did everything possible to secure some clue to the missing man's whereabouts even calling on a few of the old men of the city, but to no avail. The University College of Medicine, Richmond.

Dr. Wood said he hardly expected people to believe his story. "They will ascribe my disappearance and silence to something else," said he.

Commission is Settled Upon

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again last summer, when Judge B. R. Wellford decided not to stand for re-election to the judgeship of the Tenth Judicial Circuit. All eyes turned at once to Judge Crump, and he was chosen without opposition in the Bar Association and the legislative caucus. The distinguished place he will now be called upon to fill was offered him without the knowledge that he was even being considered by the Governor, to say nothing of a move to secure it.

Judge Crump is a son and former law partner of the late Judge W. W. Crump, the far-famed and brilliant jurist and advocate, and he made his first great record in the bar with his father, and Hon. Henry R. Pollard in the brilliant defense set up in the trial of Thomas J. Cluerius for the murder of Fannie Lillian Madison many years ago. People of all classes are "falling over themselves" to commend Governor Montague in naming Judge Crump and to congratulate the State upon his appointment.

Henry C. Stuart and Henry Fairfax are distinguished figures in the public eye and are most favorably known to the State. They are both distinguished leaders in the recent Constitutional Convention and held important chairmanships in that body.

STUART AND FAIRFAX. Mr. Stuart and Mr. Fairfax were earnest advocates of the corporation article, and the former took active part in the debates on that subject. Mr. Fairfax was for many years the very able chairman of the Committee on Finance of the Senate, and succeeded Delegate Virgilus Newton, of this city, in a like position in the convention when the latter retired from the body. They are both broad-minded, progressive, honest men, who may be relied upon with absolute confidence to deal fairly and intelligently with all the intricate matters which will come before them.

FROM FINE OLD STOCK. Mr. Stuart is regarded as one of the finest business men in the western part of the State, and all the people, especially out in his splendid mountain estate, love him as a tried and trusted leader. He is a nephew of the late "Big" Stuart, the dashing Confederate cavalry leader, and is a fine educated and accomplished Virginia gentleman.

Mr. Fairfax is a civil engineer by profession, but for many years has devoted his time to farming and stock raising. He owns a splendid estate at Aldie, which was formerly the residence and country seat of the late President Monroe. He is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute and of the University of Virginia, and has been "in the game" ever since the most distinguished stock of Virginia ances.

That these men will be appointed and confirmed, and that they will make a fine commission and give the utmost satisfaction to all classes, there now appears no shadow of doubt.

A great fight is brewing over the suc-

cessor to Judge-elect Crump on the new circuit bench, and a large number of candidates will enter the race. The avowed aspirants are Messrs. R. Carter Scott and George A. Smith, both of whom are urging Mr. W. R. Meredith, Judge T. Ashby Wickham, ex-Senator Conway R. Sands and Mr. Hill Montague to enter the race. The Bar Association will likely act in the matter, though some members say there will be a Democratic legislative caucus.

The friends of Mr. Scott are very active, and claim a majority of the local members already. He is a prominent lawyer, and was for a few years Attorney-General of the State, having filled out the unexpired term of his father in 1887.

Mr. Ansley is one of the strong young lawyers of the city, and was formerly the law partner of Major Miles A. Martin.

Judge Wickham is the present county judge of Henrico, and has one of the cleanest and best records of any county judge in the State.

Mr. Meredith is well known as one of the strongest lawyers here, and has often been mentioned for judicial honors.

Mr. Sands was long a member of the Senate, and is a man in active and lucrative practice, with a decided judicial turn of mind.

Mr. Montague is a most successful young lawyer, and stands well at the bar.

DR. WOOD BLINDED BY GAS EXPLOSION

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